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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

: HIROKI NAKAYAMA:

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Examiner: M. Lucas

IIRUKI NAKAYAMA

Group Art Unit: 2873

Appln. No.: 09/660,502

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For: ZOOM LENS AND PHOTOGRAPHING

APPARATUS HAVING THE SAME

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 44, 45, and 50 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.